

**SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.**  
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#### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself candidate for county judge from the 2d district, subject to the Democratic vote at the August primary.  
Clarence Sanders.

#### CHANGING HUMAN NATURE.

There is one last refuge of every opponent of Socialism. After "dividing up" lack of "incentive," "breaking up the home" and a few other alleged objections have been demolished the valiant defender of things as they are hurls this last shot, "You can't change human nature." That is supposed to be a crushing retort, as well as proof of a philosophical mind on the part of the objector.

It is therefore not surprising that when Andrew Carnegie felt called upon to join the chorus of his class against Socialism he displayed his intellectual capacity to meet the problem by at once falling back on his age-old objection. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, who achieved fame in Chicago by his attack upon the teachers' federation, and in the nation by his lick-spittle subservience to the purposes of the book trust, has just pronounced in a very solemn, polysyllabic manner against Socialism on the same grounds.

Poor old human nature. When one sees such examples of it as Carnegie and Butler one is apt to distrust its possibilities. That human beings can be transformed into mere money-making machines through the prime of life and into hypocritical philanthropists in old age, or that men can be found whose "human nature" is so weak that they will prostitute their intellects in the name of education to the stifling of the very spirit of truth, does shock one's faith in "human nature."

But when one remembers the environment in which the nature was developed it tends to restore the faith. It must be remembered in considering such types of human nature as Carnegie and Butler that they were born into a society that rewards only those who bow down to mammon. The very word "success" had but one meaning in the vocabulary of their time—the possession of the power to enslave their fellow man.

Who knows but what under a proper environment Carnegie might not have become a great organizing genius, freely yielding his talents to the improvement of the powers of production that mankind might have lived better and longer lives. Perhaps had he been raised in an environment of co-operative brotherhood where it was impossible for him to coin the blood of Homestead workers into material for library walls, that he would have devoted his abilities to lines more useful to his fellow beings and less destructive of a decent "human nature."

It is even possible that had Butler been born into a world in which there were no book trusts, in which favor did not follow fawning, in which education did not depend upon the bounty of an exploiting class—it is barely possible that even his depraved "human nature" might not have been able to prevent his evolution into a genuine seeker of the truth. We cannot but believe that he would have preferred to stand as a genuine educator teaching the truth he knew and searching out new truths, than to play the part which he has played as the tool of the great capitalists of America.

No "human nature" is not so bad after all. If it had the chance when the removal of private ownership of human life would give it, it could develop into something higher and better than the world has ever known. It must have some admirably persistent qualities not to have deteriorated any more than it has under capitalism.

#### DESPERATE.

An American visiting London for the first time was goaded to desperation by the incessant necessity for tips. Finally he entered a washroom in his hotel, only to be faced by a large sign which read, "Please tip the basin after using."

"Never!" said the Yankee, turning on his heels. "I'll go dirty first."

#### FROM LEMMONS DISTRICT.

The Misses Mary Hutchason of Little River, and Ethel Owensby, of Blodgett, are visitors of Miss Alma Hutchason this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dooler and family, of Diehlstadt, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hampton.

Wes and William Hutchason and the Misses Anna Owensby and Cassie Gage went to the river Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Wyatt and family spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the home of R. D. Puckett.

Wes Hutchason of Little River visited his aunt, Mrs. Joe Hutchason, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem. Strayhorn and children visited T. F. Strayhorn Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Wilson and children visited Mrs. Joe Hutchason Sunday evening.

Amos Bynum and Mrs. Cora Tidale were Benton visitors Sunday.

#### THE SAVOY.

Announces their exhibitions with entertainment, to be strictly moral. We extend cordial invitations to all. Commences at 8 p.m. every Saturday. There will be something doing Saturday evening June 25.

Henry Gosler, Manager.

#### HERE AND YONDER.

A crowd of misguided men and women came down from Rockview to fight a saloon petition. John Wilmore had evidently exhibited the corner of a twenty dollar bill and forthwith our honorable county court got busy.

If there is any thing that will cause our county court to "do business" it is a saloon-keepers' return home sadder, but probably none the wiser. The license was granted.

The Kicker now has an accurate measure by which it can gauge capitalist estimate of woman's virtue. This week a procuress was fined \$200 in a St. Louis court for luring an innocent girl into haunts of vice.

Frederick Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to six months in jail for circulating through the mails a reward for a fugitive politician.

At Stikeston, Saturday night, Wm. Singleton fatally stabbed his wife. The Singletons have been separated for some time. They met in a moving picture show and he asked her to return to his home. She refused and he drew a large knife, stabbing her in the back and cutting her throat.

He is believed to be hiding in the woods near Stikeston. James Murphy, of Charleston, who took a six months' subscription to the Kicker "on trial," renews and writes: "I love to read the Kicker as it tells what I think is the truth about the way our poor devils have been doing for years and couldn't see it."

Dr. Fullenwider paid the Kicker a brief visit while here last week. He is from a state where women have equal political rights with men—Colorado. Asked if Mrs. Fullenwider voted, he said, "Oh, yes! sometimes."

Mrs. Horace Nelson and her friend, Miss Keats Rodgers, returned to St. Louis Saturday, after a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. Wm. Hunter and daughters, the Misses Martha and Catherine, visited in Stikeston this week.

Harold Gosler, who has been attending school in St. Louis the past winter returned home last week.

Frank B. Bryant and Uncle Mike Mertz, and Marlin Blattel were at Charleston last week.

The Misses Rosa, Lena and Ida Halter visited their parents at Randles last week.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.  
Sunday the Scherererville Black Sox and New Hamburg volunteers played ball at Sol Diebolds. The score was 18 to 24 in favor of New Hamburg. Robert Calvish pitcher and Otto Diebold catcher for New Hamburg, and Geo. Cronenball pitcher and Fred Scherer catcher for Scherererville. Both catchers have large hands, hence baskets were dispensed with. At Andy Roberts' next Sunday, the boys will play again.

Amos Morrow and Louis Reichert started toward Benton Sunday, but didn't say where they were going. It is thought that Amos took Lawrence to the sand to show him a crop of melons.

Jacob Blattel of Kelso came over Sunday to spend a week or so with his daughter, Mrs. Louis Schramm. Chas. Heiserer was also here on "important business."

Miss Mary Reichert left Monday to stay awhile with the family of Anton Blattel, near Kelso.

Wm. Kraft, the Benton painter did some work here for Mrs. Josephine Halter last week.

Phil. Harness moved into his new residence last week and is perfectly contented.

Arnold Birnberger went to Oregon Sunday to meet Theo Schoen. Patronize the Kicker.

#### FROM CHAFFEE.

Trainmaster G. B. Wright resigned June 15, and a lawn party was given him at the Brooks home, where the trainmen presented him with a diamond ring and Mrs. Wright with a fine cut glass vessel as a token of respect and love.

Wm. Freeling, of Chaffee, and Miss Anna Malone, of Virginia, were announced Sunday to be married in the Catholic church.

The children at the Catholic church—six girls and two boys—made their first communion last Sunday.

The Cape Girardeau Athletics and our Frisco ball teams played Sunday. Score, 7 to 3 in our favor.

John Bisher and Miss Mary Schlosser of Edna were here Sunday to see the sights.

Some of our people spent Sunday evening at Mrs. Ouch's having a good time.

Martin Bisher and wife, of New Hamburg, visited friends in Chaffee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burner returned from a visit to Illinois. Farmers about here are busy in the harvest.

#### FROM RANDES.

The Misses Edith, Rosa and Emma Halter, of Benton, visited Emma Bollinger, of Chaffee, visited home folks here last week.

Andrew Halter left here, and is working in the harvest, and Jim Wilfirth, of Brooks Junction, was here Monday.

August Schlosser and Louis Schott, of Oran, and Chas. Halter, of New Hamburg, were here Sunday.

Meedames Frank and Henry Thomas spent Sunday with Mrs. L. O. Groeclose.

#### WELLIE MASCHINO.

Wellie Maschino and Miss Lulu Becklund were here Sunday.

Otto Westrich and Adolph Mens visited some folks Sunday.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Feiden.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Feiden were at Rockview Sunday.

#### August Halter.

August Halter lost a fine mare last week.

#### Wheat cutting.

Wheat cutting is with us. Subscribe for the great Kicker.

#### FROM COMMERCE.

Miss Nadine Wahl, of Commerce and Chas. Reiker, of Cape Girardeau, were married Saturday morning in the Catholic church at Advance. They will make their home at the Cape.

Miss Grace Blackledge, who is attending the Cape Normal, came down Saturday, accompanied by the Misses Clara Vantrien and Ethel Gramling.

Mrs. White had a mule killed by lightning Monday, and Quilian Keesley killed a mule by driving it over a cradle while cutting wheat.

Miss Addie Mitchell returned Monday from a visit to Kentucky, and Miss Virgie Anderson was at Benton Tuesday.

Paul and Albion Anderson have returned from their Charleston visit. Dr. Roy Fraser is also back from St. Louis.

The wheel mill at the powder plant across the river blew up Saturday. No one hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sign and daughter are visiting the family of R. B. Huchan.

George Haffington and wife and Mrs. James Staley are visiting at George Brundrett's Mr. Brundrett is sick.

Miss Ella Rodgers and Mrs. Ed Matthews, who have been visiting at Matthews, returned Saturday.

Mrs. Pearl Bray, of St. Louis, who has been visiting her parents, left for Campbell, Monday.

Mrs. James Norris and Mrs. Arthur Joyce and children, of the county seat, were here Monday.

Mr. Eldridge, wife and baby, Miss Grace Marshall and Mrs. B. C. Moore were in Cape Tuesday.

The Misses Grace and Sadie DeWint and Fred Mills attended the show at Manning Sunday.

A crowd of young friends gave Mrs. J. P. Jones a "kitchen shower" Thursday night.

Dr. Fullenwider returned to his home in Denver, accompanied by Mrs. Susan Galt, Saturday.

Many of our people enjoyed an outing at the Old Orchard, in Illinois, Sunday.

Illmo and Commerce played ball Sunday. We beat 'em—11 to 13.

Mrs. F. E. Sibley and little son, of Matthews, are visitors here.

Mrs. Wm. Hutton is visiting her sons, Shell and Sam, at Illmo.

Mrs. Robert Finley, of Chaffee, is a visitor among us.

#### Cuthbert and Arthur Mills.

Cuthbert and Arthur Mills were at Illmo Sunday.

#### Mrs. Bert McGillis.

Mrs. Bert McGillis went to St. Louis Tuesday.

#### Wade Ross.

Wade Ross, of Illmo, is a visitor here.

#### Mrs. P. B. Held.

Mrs. P. B. Held has measles.

#### FROM CAMPBELL DISTRICT.

There will be church at Campbell school house next Sunday, June 26. Everybody come.

#### Ed. Bles.

Ed. Bles, of Benton, is helping Frank Sevier with a mare.

#### Silas Butler.

Silas Butler lost a mare with blind staggers last week.

#### Mrs. John Chandler.

Mrs. John Chandler is very sick, but is improving.

#### FROM MACEDONIA.

Rick Robertson, Otto Bies, Tom Hawkins, Chas. Ditterlein, Wm. Hawkins, Luster Jacobs and the Misses Mina Jacobs, Nora Schiwlitz, Mary Sanders, Lillie Haman and Emma Robertson drove over to Commerce Sunday to see the ball game.

#### Fil Sanders.

Fil Sanders has quit tobacco and has gone to raising strawberries. Berries may now be expected at three boxes for a dime.

#### Daisy, Cecil and Tom Spradlin.

Daisy, Cecil and Tom Spradlin and Grace and Linnie Garvey visited in the Ellis district Sunday.

#### Ab. Anderson.

Ab. Anderson and family, of Illmo, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds, last week.

#### Mrs. Tom Hawkins.

Mrs. Tom Hawkins, of Ellis district, visited the family of Fil Sanders Sunday.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, of Rocky Ford, were in our neighborhood Sunday.

#### Mrs. Caroline Schlitz.

Mrs. Caroline Schlitz is home after a few weeks' stay at Commerce.

#### Uncle Tom Hawkins.

Uncle Tom Hawkins and Ward Smith were at Morley Sunday.

#### Luther Reynolds.

Luther Reynolds, of Vienna, Ill., is here on an extended visit.

#### Miss Hanna Bles.

Miss Hanna Bles was at New Hamburg Sunday.

#### Miss Jennie Miller.

Miss Jennie Miller is sick.

#### FROM ELLIS DISTRICT.

It was warm Sunday night and August Weber sat on the porch. Presently he heard something that he mistook for the German Liederkrantz. As the sound came nearer he recognized that it was Eugene Essner coming down the road singing something about his "darling."

#### Early Tuesday morning.

Early Tuesday morning a young man that looked exactly like Alphonse Robert was seen padding toward Commerce to catch a train.

#### Ed. Bles left home Saturday.

Ed. Bles left home Saturday for parts unknown without telling his papa and mama goodbye.

#### The Misses Christine Essner.

The Misses Christine Essner and Bertha Vetter each had a bad case of measles.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weber were at Commerce Monday.

#### Monday we had a heavy shower.

Monday we had a heavy shower with some hail.

#### ALONE IN THE FIELD.

A young Chicago man went to a Western town in the first days of the oil excitement out there to see what was stirring.

#### The day after he arrived.

The day after he arrived he went into a railroad restaurant to get his breakfast and found an old friend sitting at the table to which he was assigned.

#### "Hello!" said the man at the table.

"Hello!" said the man at the table. "When did you come in, Jim?"

#### "I got here yesterday."

"I got here yesterday. How long have you been here?"

#### "Six months. What are you going to do?"

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#### "Oh, just look around and try to make an honest dollar."

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#### "Well," said the six-months man.

"Well," said the six-months man. "You ought to make your fortune. You won't have any competition."

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#### FROM MORLEY.

Dr. Harris and J. D. Bekridge were at the Cape purchasing doors and windows for the new residence of Mrs. M. V. Harris.

J. B. Kirkpatrick and son put a shingle roof on J. P. Smith's residence last week.

Cal Gupton's mare kicked him last week and laid him up for a while.

H. L. Fields, of Vanduser, was here Monday to apply a madstone to his horse that had been bitten by a mad dog.

Riley Murphy received a fine new threshing and engine last week.

Miss Nina Marshall, of Stikeston, is visiting relatives here, and Miss Maggie Shanks is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lewis Hunter.

Miss Helen Harris, of Oran, was a visitor here last week.

Meedames Elsie Norman and May Foster, of Bell City, visited last week.

Mrs. Roy Leslie left Sunday for Louisville, Ky., to visit her parents.

FROM VANDUSER.  
On Wednesday of last week the Methodist ladies met with Mrs. Ella Joyce and organized an Aid Society with twelve members.

They decided to give an ice cream supper on July 1, and to serve dinner on primary election day, Friday they met with Mrs. J. W. Arbough, and will meet on every Friday hereafter.

About 25 of our young folks took their lunch to the river Sunday to enjoy an outing. The Post Card Kid and his wife were with the party and made several pictures of the group.

Quite a number of our people spent Sunday with the family of Will Zimmerman, and boast of having a mighty good dinner, with ice cream on the side.

Presiding Elder Russell will hold quarterly conference here Saturday afternoon and will preach at night and Sunday forenoon at 11.

Mrs. Irene Fant accompanied her teacher Miss Beula Wisdom of Crowder, home Thursday and spent the night.

C. N. Garrett, of Indiana, was here last week pushing the work on the elevator. It will be ready for this week's crop.

Rev. Blackman is having the hall over the old part of his building cut into three rooms to be used as offices.

Meedames Carlisle and Moulders, of Crowder, were the guests of Meedames Lacy and Cooksey Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Harrison and children, of Morley, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harris, last week.

Mrs. H. T. Mayes returned home from Hayti Monday, where she visited her sister.

#### Mrs. Lee Bize.

Mrs. Lee Bize and children visited Mrs. Robert Rainbolt, at Briddell, Saturday.

#### Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday and Sunday are Rev. Blackman's regular dates to hold services here.

#### A ten pound boy.

A ten pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lancaster.

#### Lynn Lacy.

Lynn Lacy was at the Cape Saturday and Sunday.

#### FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Wheat cutting began Friday in full blast, and by the time you read this most of our wheat will be in the shock.

#### Henry Absher.

Henry Absher and family and L. O. Williams spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Zimmerman.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Dave McLanahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McLanahan spent Sunday at J. F. Grant's.

#### Arthur Twitty.

Arthur Twitty and family were visitors on the river Sunday.

#### Corn is looking fine.

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#### FROM BUCKEYE.

A large crowd from Slapout attended the basket dinner at Fairview Ridge Sunday.

#### Delbert McDaniel.

Delbert McDaniel, of Rootwad, visited Will Holden Sunday.

#### Mrs. Ethel Vanover.

Mrs. Ethel Vanover has been visiting in West Swamp.

#### FROM MOUNT ZION.

J. L. Buchanan and wife visited her sister, Mrs. Tom Snowden, at Cross Plains, Sunday.

#### Little Leslie Darby.

Little Leslie Darby returned to his home at Claypool after a visit to his aunt here.

#### Mrs. Allie Sexton.

Mrs. Allie Sexton and daughter, Pearl, of Morehouse, are visiting Mrs. Ida Barnhill.

#### Wm. Mattingly.

Wm. Mattingly, of Charleston, bought J. L. Buchanan's farm last week.

#### Riley Sexton.

Riley Sexton, of Stikeston, visited J. M. Presson last week.

#### Ira Evans.

Ira Evans is at work for Carl Bennett near Bertrand.

#### FROM SAVANAH.

Mrs. Jim Matthews, of Beach Grove, Ark., was here for a short visit. She was accompanied home by Orville Straight, little grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mackey.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mackey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gage Sunday.

#### Miss Cora Fisher.

Miss Cora Fisher, of Illinois, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Collie.

#### Mrs. Joe Hutchason.

Mrs. Joe Hutchason entertained a number of friends Sunday.

#### A 13 pound boy.

A 13 pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Colley.

#### We will have an ice cream supper.

We will have an ice cream supper Saturday night June 25.

#### Wheat harvest.

Wheat harvest is about over and the crop is good.

#### FROM OAK GROVE.

President Schneider announced that the farmers will have no meeting Saturday night June 25. The meeting is postponed until the next regular meeting night.

#### Miss Ruth Sherer.

Miss Ruth Sherer, who has been visiting Miss Maud Dosier,